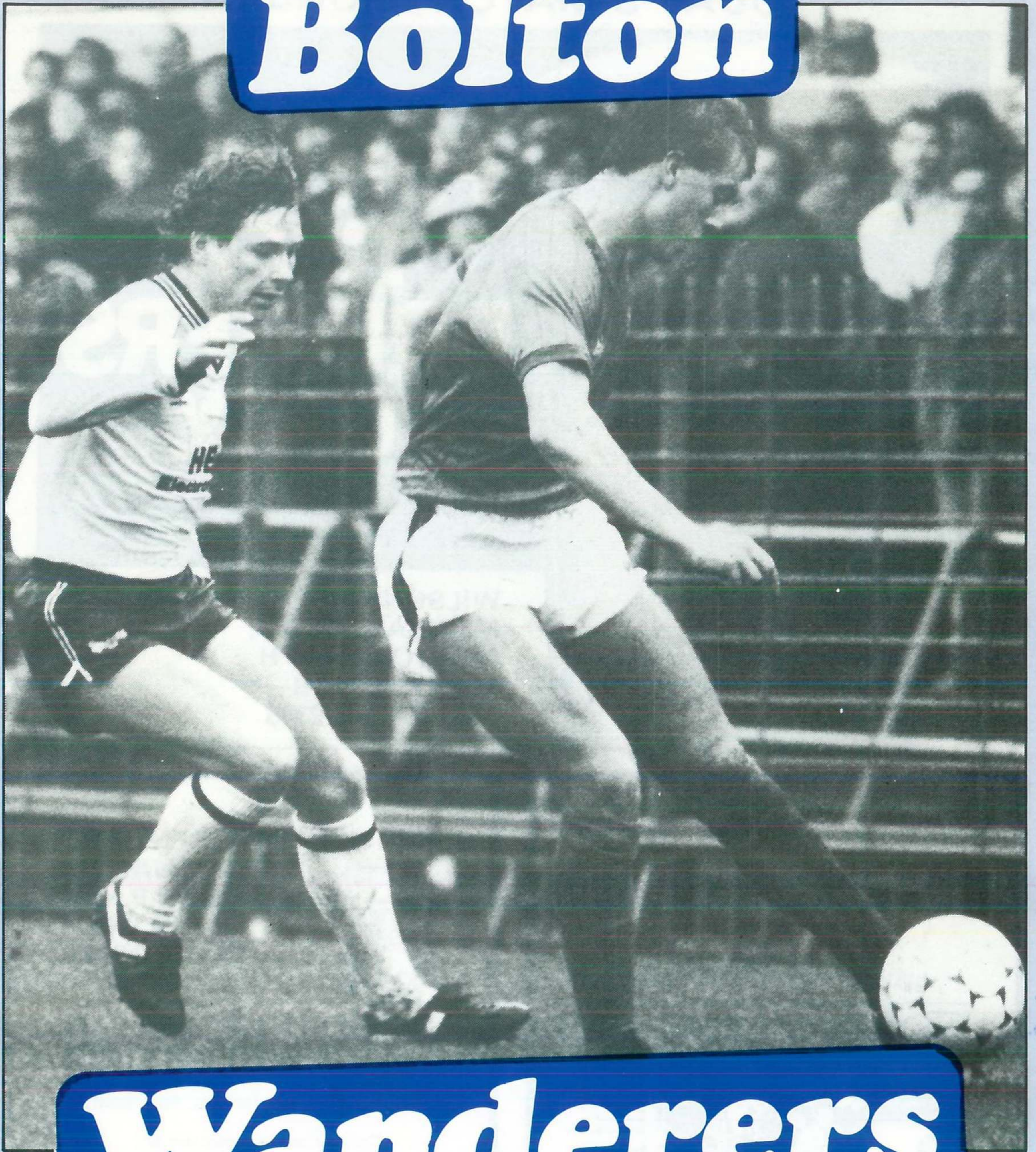


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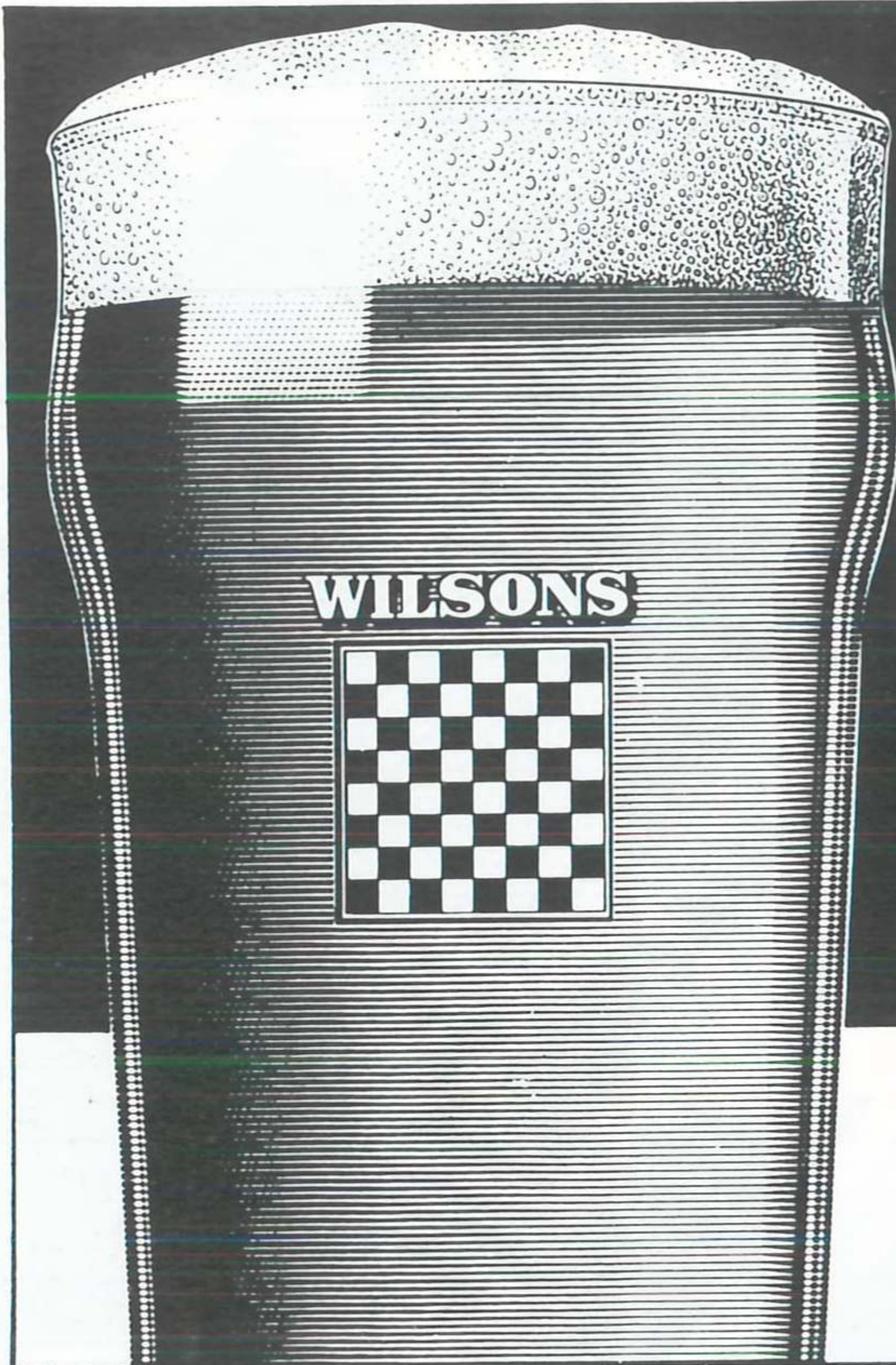


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TODAY'S game against Gillingham is no more or no less important than any League match in which we strive to achieve three points.

Gillingham are again up among the front runners in the Third Division at the moment and I expect them to be chasing for promotion right up to the end of the season.

Our own chances of getting among or catching the leaders can only be achieved by consistency at home, which thankfully we have had this season, and a

substantial improvement in our away form.

It has been pleasing to see Ray Deakin show a bit of character in his performances after being reinstated in our defence.

It is certainly not easy for a player to accept the situation of being dropped and it's even harder to take when you're the club captain. But no player can ever be guaranteed a first team place — my players know they are judged on their weekly performances.

So the ones who have played as regulars in the side this season can take it that they have been our best players.

Just as scouting for players is a never ending part of the job of managing a team, so is supervising the conveyor belt which produces the steady turnover of young players at a club.

And on Thursday night our Youth team kicks off its Cup campaign against Preston. As a manager my main concern is obviously geared to first team levels.

But I must still assess all the young players at the club because I am the one who makes the decisions on whether to sign them on at the end of their trial periods as YTS, apprentice or YWS players.

Back to today's game and one or two players to look out for in the Gillingham side are Dave Mehmet in midfie'd and Tony Cascarino, their giant striker.

I hope you enjoy the match!

If you would like to meet the players and myself for a friendly chat — and we would certainly like to meet you — come to our supporters dance. The venue is Maxwell's Plum, the date December 5th and you can get tickets by ringing me here at the club or by calling in at our ticket office.

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FRONT COVER: Jeff Chandler and former Wanderers' player Neil Redfearn battle for possession.



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Welcome to the Park

Gillingham is one place where they most definitely don't start to count their chickens. Gills' fans have several times, in recent years, seen their side within grasping distance of the Second Division, only for a late collapse to kill their dreams.

But maybe it's different this time? For, in spite of some crushing defeats, the Gills are magnificently placed to win a place in the Second Division for the first time in their history.

They have won more away games than any other side in the Third Division, having picked up full points from Orient (4-2), Wigan (1-0), Swansea (1-0) and Burnley (1-0) a fortnight ago.

But the Gills have been beaten at Hull City (0-2), Bristol City (0-2), Brentford (2-5) and York City (1-7).

Those Gillingham fans who have travelled up to Burnden Park this afternoon can be forgiven if they feel a little confident. Gillingham have a 100 per cent record in Lancashire this season and they have not been beaten in any of their last nine matches on Lancashire grounds! That includes a 0-0 draw at Everton in the F.A. Cup last season.

"We win more games in Lancashire than we do at the Priestfield Stadium," quipped one of their supporters the other day. He had just watched the Gills beaten 1-4 at home by Millwall but that's their only home defeat in the League this season.

Gillingham won away to Colchester United (2-0) in the Milk Cup so, as they had already won their home-leg 3-2, they qualified for a second round tie with Leeds United. They were beaten 1-2 at home and 2-3 at Elland Road as they went out of that competition.

They kicked-off their F.A. Cup run with a 2-1 home win over Windsor & Eton last Saturday. They now visit Colchester in the second round.

Gillingham have so far not been involved in a goalless game this season. They have been scoring quite a few goals, and also conceding a considerable number.

The spearhead of their attack is the giant Tony Cascarino, who has scored 13 times so far this season.

The club was founded as New Brompton Excelsior F.C. in 1893 and from 1913 until 1920 they were in the Southern League. When the entire first division of that competition was taken over by the Football League in 1920, the Gills became founder members of the Third Division (South).

During those early days in the League, they normally finished in the bottom half of the table and were forced to make several applications for re-election. Indeed, their luck ran out in 1938 when they were voted out to make room for Ipswich Town and it wasn't until the Football League was extended to 92 clubs in 1950 that they got back in again.

In 1958 they became founder members of the Fourth Division but in 1964 they won the divisional championship

GILLINGHAM

GILLINGHAM TO MAKE IT AT LAST?

by Tony Pullein

to enjoy their first-ever promotion. They were relegated again in 1971 but they jumped back again three years later and since then they have become one of the better members of the Third Division.

The Gills have mounted several promising promotion bids but have somehow lacked the consistency to make it all the way. Last season they finished in eighth place.

Their best achievement in Cup football was a run to the fifth round of the F.A. Cup in 1970. In 1964 they reached the fourth round of the League Cup.

This afternoon, Gills' followers will be hoping their Lancashire luck holds out and, better, that their side can keep up the pace right the way through to their final match of the season.

DAVID FRY (Goalkeeper). David spent his early days with Crystal Palace and played in their F.A. Youth Cup winning teams of 1977 and 1978. He made a total of 40 League appearances for Palace before joining Gillingham during the 1983 close-season.

RON HILLYARD (Goalkeeper). Ron now looks back on more than 450 appearances in League football. He first joined York City as an amateur and made his League debut for them in 1969/70. He won a regular place the following season but, during periods when he was out of favour, he spent loan spells with Hartlepool, Bury and Brighton. He joined Gillingham in 1974 and is now approaching his 400th League appearance for the Gills.

JOE HINNIGAN (Defender). A close-season signing from Preston, Joe went straight into the Gillingham side on the opening day of this season. He spent his early days in non-League circles with South Liverpool and Wigan Athletic and was with the latter when they were elected to the Football League in 1978. Sunderland signed him for £150,000 in 1980 and he made around 50 first team appearances for the Roker club before joining Preston in 1983.

KEITH OAKES (Defender). Keith was signed from Newport County for £20,000 last month. He served his apprenticeship with Peterborough and surfaced into their League XI in 1972/73. He made 65 League appearances for The Posh before transferring to Newport for £15,000 in 1978. For the past six seasons he was a regular member of their senior side.

PETER SHAW (Defender). Peter's first club was Charlton Athletic, for whom he made well over 100 first team appearances. He joined Exeter on loan at the start of the 1981/82 season but a few weeks later signed for Gillingham. He has been a regular member of their back four for almost three years now.

MEL SAGE (Defender). Mel developed in the junior teams at the Priestfield Stadium and made his first League

appearance three seasons ago. He won a regular place last season and we are likely to see him in the left-back position today.

RUSSELL MUSKER (Defender). Russell emerged as a League player with Bristol City in 1980/81 and for about a year he held a regular place in their Third Division side. Last season he spent a short loan period with Exeter before transferring to Gillingham.

JEFF JOHNSON (Midfield). Cardiff-born Jeff began his professional career with Manchester City, but, though he made six appearances in their First Division side, he was unable to win a regular place. So City agreed to his joining Swansea on loan for the 1972/73 campaign. The following season he was transferred to Crystal Palace and in 1976 he moved on to Sheffield Wednesday. Newport signed him for £55,000 in 1981 and it was about a year later when he signed for Gillingham.

MARK WEATHERLY (Midfield). Mark is a most versatile player, having appeared in defence, midfield and attack for the Gills. A local discovery, he first played League football in 1974/75 and has now played well over 300 games for the club. He scored 11 goals last season and has five to his name this term.

JOHN LESLIE (Midfield). Another goalscoring midfield player, John has scored four times. He started as a Wimbledon amateur and made his League debut for the Dons in 1977. He became a prolific goalscorer, leading their list with 25 in 1982/83. He moved on to Gillingham at the end of that season and scored 11 times last season.

DAVE SHEARER (Midfield). Dave was signed from Grimsby at the start of this season. He first played League football for Middlesbrough in 1977/78 and, following a loan spell with Wigan in 1979/80, he won a regular place in the Borough side for about three years before joining Grimsby in 1983.

MARTIN ROBINSON (Forward). Martin joined the Gills from Charlton in October. He began his career with Tottenham but got only rare outings in their League XI. Charlton signed him for £15,000 in 1978 and he made well over 200 League appearances for them before his transfer.

TONY CASCARINO (Forward). Tony is a giant of a striker who comes to Burnden Park with 13 goals to his credit this season. He burst into the Gillingham side in 1981/82 and the following season was top scorer with 18 goals. Though he lost his place for a while last season, he still managed 13 goals.

DAVE MEHMET (Forward). Dave was Gillingham's leading marksman with 17 goals last season. An England Youth international in his early days with Millwall, Dave made more than 100 League appearances for the Lions and then joined Tampa Bay Rowdies in a £150,000 deal in 1981. Upon his return to England, he signed for Charlton where he spent two seasons before moving to Gillingham in 1983.

TERRY COCHRANE (Forward). Terry has been capped by Northern Ireland on 26 occasions. He first won international recognition whilst with Coleraine but he was transferred to Burnley in 1976. Middlesbrough invested £210,000 in his transfer in 1979 and for almost four years he was a fixture in their team. Gillingham signed him during his early weeks of last season.



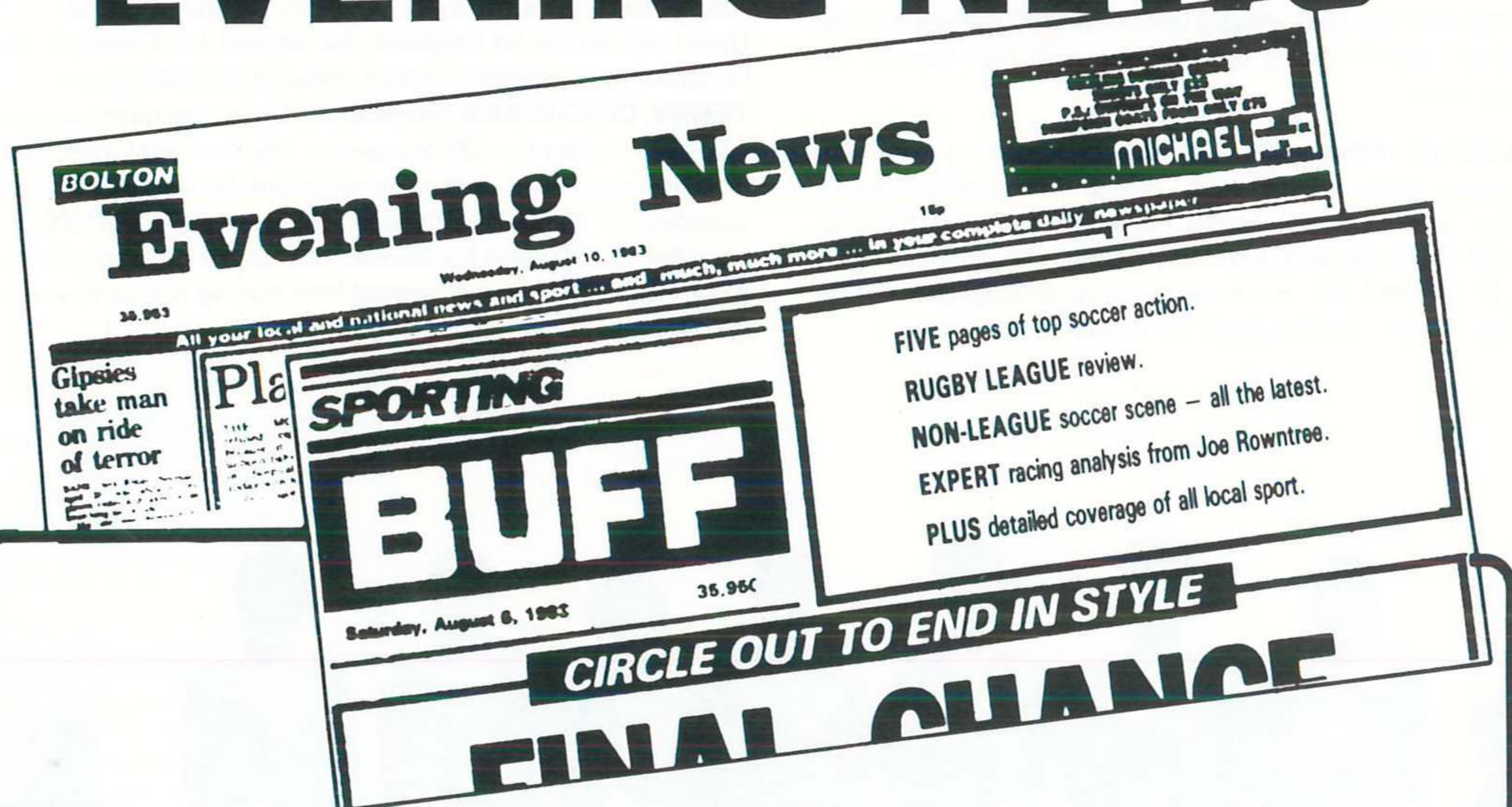
Back Row: Joe Hinnigan, Peter Shaw, Tony Cascarino, David Fry, Ron Hillyard, Keith Oakes, John Sitton.

Middle Row: Paul Taylor (Assistant Manager), Bill Collins (Youth Team Manager), Mel Sage, Dave Shearer, John Sharpe, Paul Shinnars, Paul Collins, Mark Weatherly, Ted Buxton (Chief Scout).

Front Row: John Leslie, Tarki Micallef, Russell Musker, Keith Peacock (Manager), Dave Mehmet, Jeff Johnson, Terry Cochrane.

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Club News

In Retrospect

The Wanderers face Gillingham today for the third time in the Football League having lost the previous two games without scoring a goal

The first game between the two clubs was a friendly and took place 90 years ago in November 1894. Gillingham were then known as New Brompton and had only been formed the previous year, this game being the first visit of a football league club to the Kent side who were then non leaguers.

The Wanderers at the time were on a five games in five days tour of the South of England and having been hammered 5-1 the previous day at Millwall were in no mood to treat the game as friendly. Bolton proved too strong against the Kent professionals whose side included a former Wanderer James Dickenson who had been signed from Chatham in 1892 after a friendly between the sides.

The 4-1 result was one of the better results on the tour as other defeats were inflicted at Southampton St Mary's by 5-2 and by the Corinthians at Leyton with a 5-4 scoreline. These games were sandwiched by a 5-0 win at Bournemouth before the team made its long trek home as a game in the South those days was like travelling to the back of beyond.

The first football league game between the clubs took place in September 1983 at the Priestfield Stadium. Dave Mehmet opened the scoring for the Gills with a 24th minute volley and it was his pass that set up the chance for Mark Weatherly to grab their second in the 64th minute.

Simon Farnworth in the Bolton goal prevented a much greater reverse as the Wanderers went down to their first defeat of the season also conceding their first goals in the process.

The return game at Burnden took place last April but the Wanderers gave one of their poorest performances of the season and went down 1-0. The goal that won the game came after 25 minutes when Tony Cascarino headed home a Terry Cochrane cross.

Jimmy Phillips made his football league debut for the Wanderers, coming on as substitute for Ray Deakin. The two teams for that game were:-

Bolton: Farnworth, Borrows, Deakin, Joyce, McElhinney, Valentine, Thompson, Chandler, Caldwell, Whatmore, Bell. Sub: Phillips for Deakin.

Gillingham: Fry, Sitton, Sage, Bruce, Musker, Shaw, Cochrane, Clarke, Leslie, Mehmet, Cascarino.

Down Memory Lane

15 years ago 15th November 1969. The Wanderers kept a clean sheet for the first time in 14 games with a scoreless draw against Sheffield Utd. at Burnden. Eddie Hopkinson played his final League game for Bolton.

18th November 1969. A Bolton XI took on a strong Sunderland side at Bromwich Street and ran out 2-0 winners with goals from Paul Fletcher and Jimmy Redfern.

19th November 1969. Alan Boswell made his debut for Bolton in goal as they suffered a 3-0 defeat at Aston Villa with Rioch, Martin and Anderson on the scoresheet.

22nd November 1969. Bolton visited Norwich City and went down to a single goal from Bryan Conlon. The Wanderers axed Gordon Taylor and Gareth Williams being replaced by Ian Seddon and Warwick Rimmer. Williams was suspended by the club for a fortnight after refusing to train.

24th November 1969. Bolton received a visit from West German side VFR Neuss and ran out 3-0 winners before a crowd of 2478. Warwick Rimmer, John Manning and Ian Seddon grabbed the goals.

10 years ago 16th November 1974. The Wanderers defeated a star studded Southampton side 3-2 at Burnden Park holding on grimly in the latter stages of the game.

Steve Taylor made his full league debut in place of the injured Hugh Curran and John Byrom returned in place of Brian Smith.

Stuart Lee opened the scoring for Bolton before John Byrom increased their lead to 3-0 with goals either side of half time.

Mike Channon reduced the arrears for the Saints and when David Peach completed an exciting move to make the score 3-2 Bolton defended in numbers to save the points.

November 23rd 1974. Sam Allardyce and Hugh Curran came into the side for the visit to Norwich City. Goals in the 40th and 86th minutes from City's John Miller ended the Wanderers run of seven league games without defeat.

5 years ago 17th November 1979. Len Cantello returned to the side in place of Chris Thompson for the visit of Manchester City to Burnden.

A first half goal from City's record signing Steve Daley his first for the club, was enough to win the points. This extended the Wanderers run to 13 league games without a win.

24th November 1979. Bolton visited fellow strugglers Stoke City with Peter Nicholson returning to the defence in place of David Burke.

The only goal of the game came two minutes from half time when Brendan O'Callaghan headed home from close range.

The League Club Directory 1985

If you are looking for a stocking filler for Christmas I can recommend the above publication published by Newnes Books at £5.95. It is on much the same lines as the tried and trusted Rothmans but is much cheaper and as the title would suggest concentrates mainly on League football.

Where it does score over Rothmans is that six pages are devoted to each league club which includes a current team photograph, cover of a recent programme and a picture of the ground along with ground plans. The statistical side of each player is covered showing all league and cup games but as in any publication of this volume mistakes occur. In the Wanderers section the record score of 13-0 is shown as having taken place in 1980 when it should read 1890 and the record league victory shown actually belongs to Barnsley.

Apart from these slips of the pen it is a good buy for any football follower and is edited by former Rothmans compiler Tony Williams.

Capital Visit

The Wanderers make their first visit of the season to the Capital next Saturday when they face Brentford at Griffin Park.

A victory there would not only end the clubs record of league defeats away from home but also the dreadful record in London that shows 24 losses and 1 draw in the last 25 visits. The last win in London was at QPR by 3-1 in a first division game back in December 1978. Since then at least one defeat has been sustained at every London league club with the only draw coming at Orient in April 1980 when goals from Alan Gowling and Neil Whatmore earned a 2-2 result.

These records include 4 cup ties at Arsenal in 1980 and 1983 in the FA Cup and Crystal Palace in the 1980 league cup and 1982 FA Cup.

Perhaps the clubs luck may change if they can avoid wearing the sky blue shirts in which a league game has yet to be won, the only victory in this kit coming in a pre season game at Portadown.



Junior Whites

Today's mascot is Philip Gregory of Westerdale Drive, Ladybridge, Bolton. Philip is 11 years old and attends Mount St. Josephs school for whom he plays at centre forward. His favourite player is Jeff Chandler.

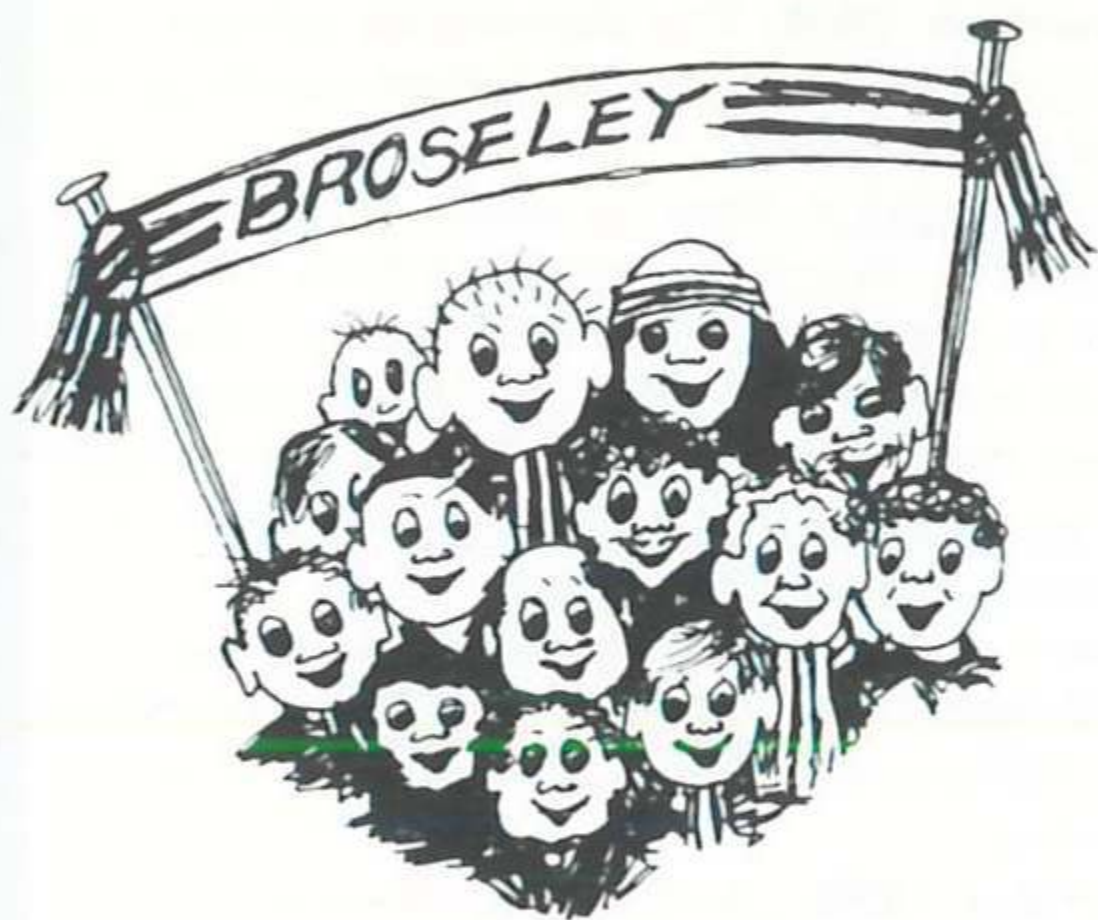
Supporters Association News

Two dates for your diary are the 5th December 1984 when there will be a supporters Christmas Dance at Maxwells Plum commencing at 9.00 p.m. and 18th December 1984 when there will be the annual fancy dress evening in the executive club commencing at 8.00 p.m.

Tickets are available at £2.00 with members entitled to a 50p discount on the fancy dress evening.

Preparations for next years Wanderers half marathon are now well under way and the date to keep free is Sunday 14th April. Entry forms will be available soon with more details.

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In Reserve

24th October 1984. Bolton Wanderers Res. 0 Leicester City Res. 2

It was easy to see why top of the table Leicester have yet to lose a Central League game this season as they outplayed a relatively inexperienced Bolton line up.

The sign of things to come came as early as the 6th minute when Ray Deakin hooked the ball off the line after John Platt had misjudged a right wing cross from Banks. Platt made amends two minutes later when he made two spectacular saves from Bright.

the Central League newcomers eventually took the lead in the 28th minute when Kelly evaded two tackles on the edge of the area before blasting home past the unsighted Platt.

The Wanderers who hadn't forced Roberts in the City goal to make a save in the first half improved dramatically in the second and should have equalised in the 58th minute.

A free kick from Roger Walker evaded Roberts and

found the head of Deakin who headed just wide. Two minutes later Roberts did well to hold a Paul Lodge free kick from 20 yards.

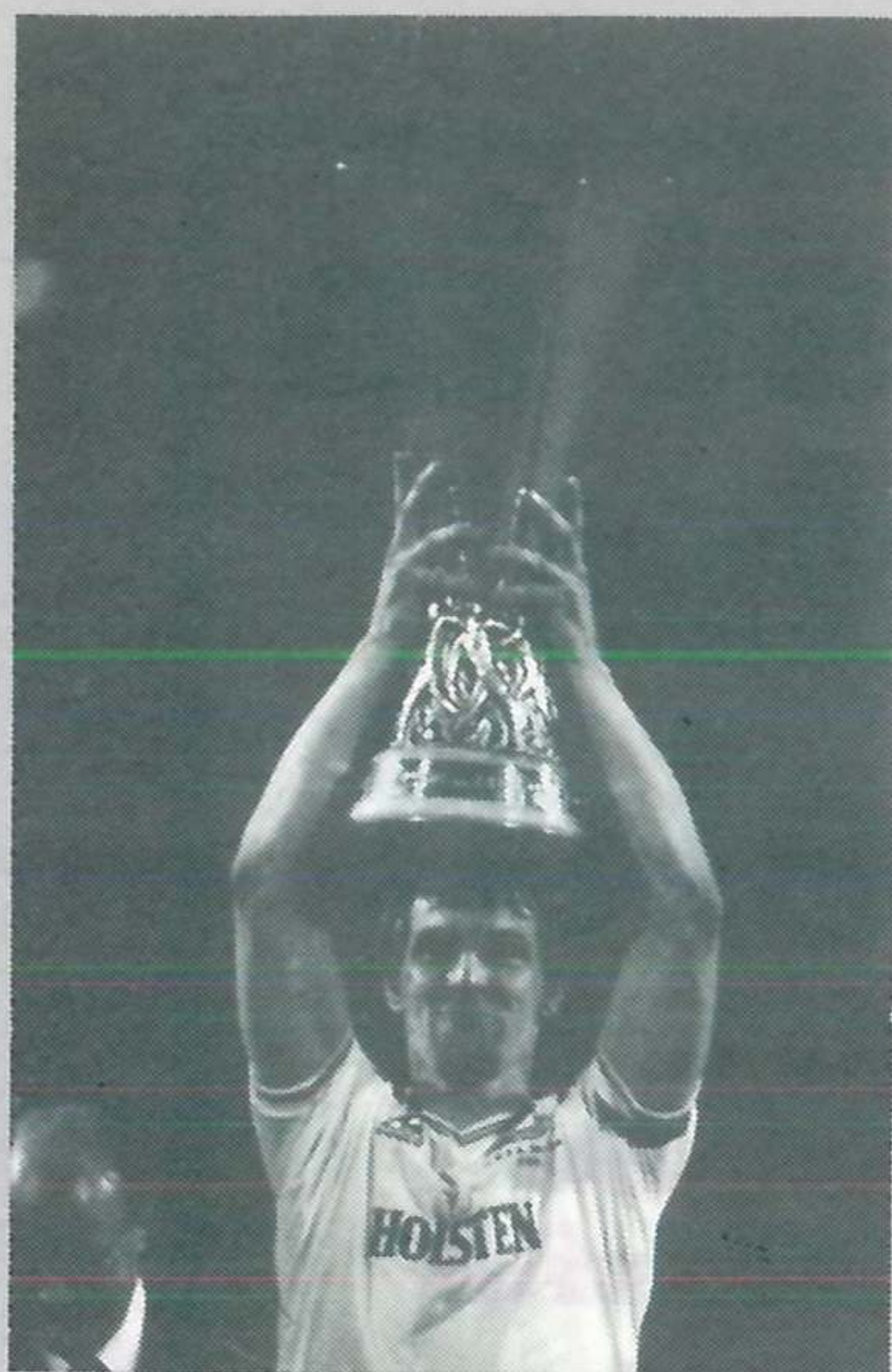
City went two up after 75 minutes when Banks converted a penalty awarded for a trip on centre forward Smith by Julian Darby.

Although Simon Rudge was unlucky with a shot in the 83rd minute the defensive duo of Hazell and Williams for City proved to be too much for Bolton both in experience and height.

Team: Platt, Walker, Deakin, Booth, Came, Winstanley, Darby, Saunders, Rudge, Lodge, Whitlow. Sub. Shepherd for Winstanley.



Simon Rudge



By John Nolan

I was sitting in the Press Box at Highbury watching Queens Park Rangers demolish Partizan Beograd in the UEFA Cup when news filtered through that Spurs were one down in Bruges. Some Arsenal fans sitting nearby were obviously delighted that their neighbours were behind and let everyone know their feelings.

It seemed a peculiar slant on European football to me. I for one hope that all the British entrants do well against their foreign rivals as a matter of national pride but there is more to it than that.

The results of every European game are of the utmost importance to all of us. A defeat in Belgium could be the difference between English clubs being allowed four or three entries in next season's competition and for those supporters who follow the fortunes of teams such as Arsenal, who could be candidates for entry next season, it seems rather a short sighted view to applaud the defeat of another English entrant.

It would be the ultimate irony if that Spurs defeat limited England to three entries in the UEFA Cup and Arsenal finished in fourth place.

As it is the UEFA General Secretariat has already drawn up the new coefficient table for the period between seasons 1979-80 and 1983-84, which governs how many clubs each European national association will be allowed to enter

for the 1985-86 UEFA Cup competition. This season's results have a bearing on the composition of the 1986-87 tournament.

Again there are 64 places to fill in this, the 15th tournament, and 32 of the 34 member associations of UEFA — the exceptions are Wales and Liechtenstein who do not run their own national league competitions — have entered.

The allocation of entries is dependent on the successes of an association's clubs over a five season span, the table being drawn

England earn four places in the UEFA Cup

up on the basis of results achieved over that period.

Two points are awarded for a win, one for a draw and none for defeat in all three major competitions; The European Cup, the European Cup Winners Cup and the UEFA Cup.

The points are then added together and divided by the number of clubs taking part, to provide a coefficient. Extra points can be won by reaching the quarter-finals and a further two are awarded to sides reaching the semi-finals and three for reaching the Final.

The points are only given for

matches actually played, and results achieved by penalty-kicks do not change the result as it stands at the end of the match itself.

The top three national associations in the table may enter four teams each in the next UEFA Cup competition; those placed fourth to eighth, three each; those placed ninth to 21st, two each and the remainder get one entry.

The table for the period 1979-80 to 1983-84 determines the entries for the 1985-86 series. Thus, the Federal Republic of Germany, England and Spain can enter four sides each. There are three places available to Scotland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Italy and Portugal.

It is interesting to note that Italy, Portugal and Greece have qualified for one more team than they did for this season while surprisingly, France, Denmark and Czechoslovakia have dropped one on this season's entry.

The full table over five seasons (1979-80 to 1983-84)

1	Federal Republic of Germany	43.618
2	England	37.950
3	Spain	32.199
4	Scotland	31.950
5	Italy	31.633
6	Belgium	31.616
7	Portugal	31.250
8	Yugoslavia	28.450
9	USSR	27.916
10	France	27.250
11	Czechoslovakia	25.550
12	Netherlands	25.549
13	German Democratic Republic	24.100
14	Romania	21.416
15	Switzerland	18.250
16	Sweden	18.000
17	Bulgaria	16.750
18	Austria	15.500
19	Hungary	14.750
20	Poland	13.250
21	Greece	12.750
22	Denmark	10.749
23	Republic of Ireland	7.332
24	Albania	7.000
25	Turkey	5.333
26	Norway	5.249
27	Cyprus	4.998
	Finland	4.998
29	Northern Ireland	3.998
30	Luxembourg	2.666
31	Iceland	2.331
32	Malta	1.999

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WATCH YOUR STEP!

The four step rule concerning goalkeepers is to be more stringent in international competition in the future.

At a FIFA Referees meeting in Zurich, chaired by Harry Cavan of Northern Ireland, it was decided that the International Football Association Board, which is responsible for any modifications to the Laws of the game, should be asked to tighten the rules concerning goalkeepers. What is proposed is that goalkeepers should only be allowed to pick the ball up with their hands again after the ball has left the penalty area.

The continual obsession with governing the contacts made by goalkeepers is quite remarkable . . . The current situation here in England whereby the goalkeeper has to play the ball to a team mate before he can pick it up a second time has achieved exactly the opposite to that which was intended.

Much more time is wasted with 'keepers messing about waiting for outfield players to drop back and make themselves available than there ever was under the old system which allowed the keeper to bounce the ball.

CELEBRATIONS IN ORDER

UEFA's intention to clamp down on players celebrating goals has as expected come unstuck. The Referees Committee have ascertained that a goalscorer's cheering "is part of the game of football" and thus should only be punished when it becomes excessive or obscene . . . The Executive Committee of FIFA was due to deliberate on the cases of Manchester United and Northern Ireland striker Norman Whiteside and West German, Uwe Rahn at the end of

November. Both players were cautioned for their celebrations in World Cup qualifying matches.

MEXICO '86: VENUES AND STADIA KNOWN

Representatives of FIFA and the Organising Committee for the 1986 World Cup in Mexico met in Zurich in mid-October in the presence of FIFA President João Havelange, and took some decisions in view of the Final Competition of the World Cup.

The twelve stadia were fixed and the price of the entrance tickets was also decided, which shall vary between 3 and 50 dollars.

Moreover, the match timetable was settled for the ratification of the FIFA Organising Committee. As far as kick-off times are concerned, the Committee will decide on 28 November between 11 hours (1st match) and 15 hours (2nd match) or between 12 hours and 16 hours, whereby the early kick-off time was fixed especially with respect to the TV transmissions to Europe (with a time difference of eight hours).

The Groups and their Stadia:

Group A: Estadio Cuauhtemoc, Puebla; Estadio Ciudad Universitario, Mexico-City.

Group B: Estadio Azteca, Mexico-City; Estadio Toluca.

Group C: Estadio León; Estadio Irapuato. **Group D:** Estadio Jalisco and Estadio 3 de Marzo, both in Guadalajara.

Group E: Estadio Queretaro and Estadio Neza in Nezahualcoyot. **Group F:** Estadio Universitario de Nueva León and Estadio Tecnológico, both in Monterrey.

World Champion Italy will be playing in Group A and will figure in the opening match in the Azteca Stadium on 31 May 1986. Mexico is being assigned



NORMAN WHITESIDE — cautioned for celebrating a goal.

to Group B. The draw will take place in Mexico-City on Sunday, 15 December 1985.

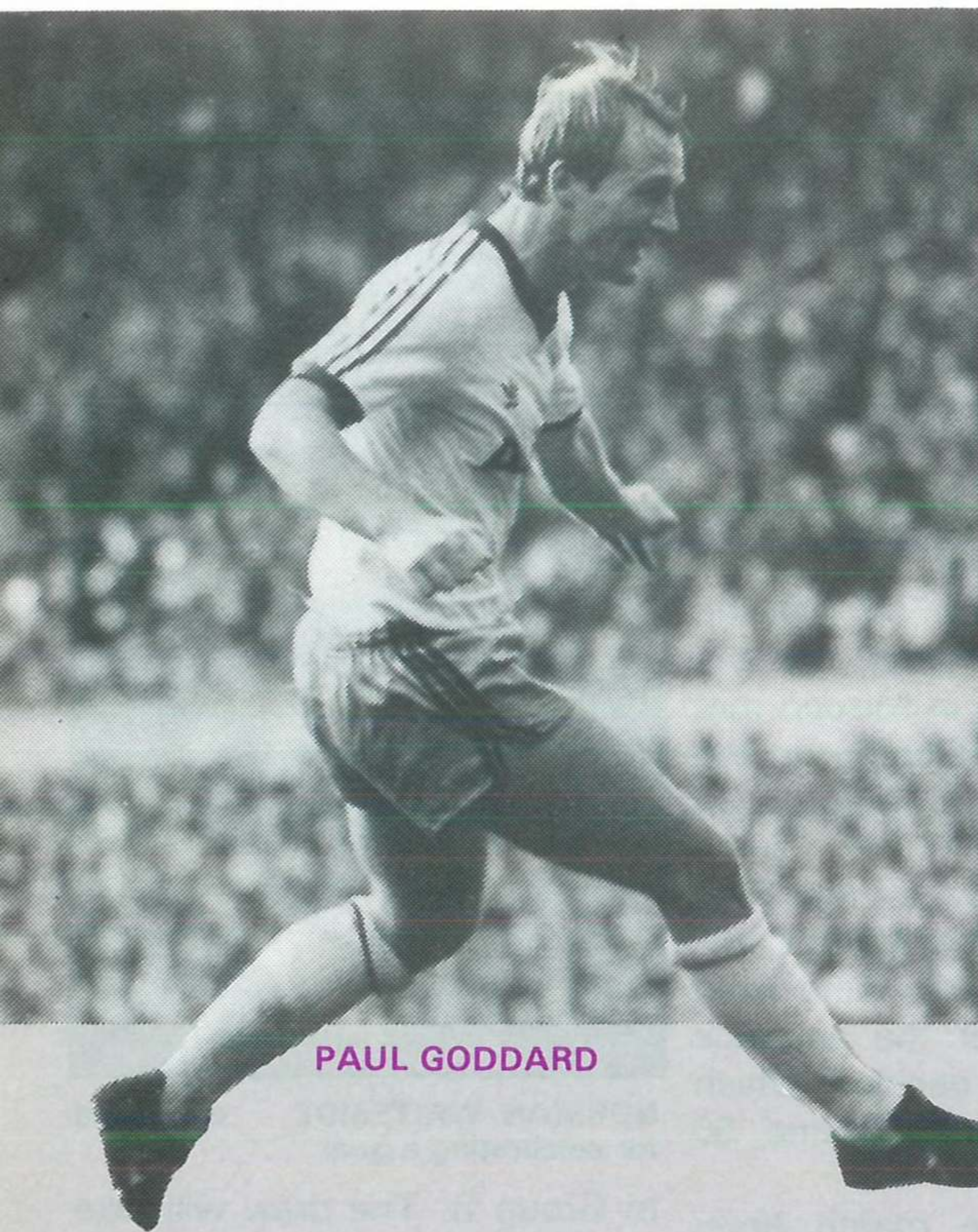
FIFA's Investigation on the "Cameroon Case"

FIFA will launch an official investigation into the rumour concerning the so-called corruption of some players of Cameroon, during the game Italy v Cameroon, played during the 1982 FIFA World Cup in Spain.

Joseph Blatter, FIFA General Secretary assured Dario Borgogno, Secretary of the Italian F.A. The latter had brought a full file to FIFA's seat in Zurich, asking for a clarification of the case in order to exonerate the World Champion.

Such was FIFA's and FIGC's reaction to the allegations published by the Italian weekly "Epoca", saying that Italy made sure they would remain in the tournament by using unlawful means in their game against Cameroon. In Vigo on 23 June 1982.

Italy ended that game with a draw (1-1) and thus qualified for the next round.



PAUL GODDARD

and inventive magic. Alf Ramsey's team did feature a big striker of course, but Geoff Hurst presented a much more refined rendering to his role as the target man.

And this season, in the First Division of the Canon League, West Ham United are also proving that there is another alternative to the traditional format.

Manager John Lyall, like everyone else in our domestic game, has always kept to the traditional format with a small striker working off a big target man. . . It seems the natural pairing.

Upton Park has thrilled to the goalscoring habits of David Cross and more recently Dave Swindlehurst. Big men who battle every inch of the way for a chance to score, strikers who never let defenders relax or settle. Their physical commitment is wholehearted their enthusiasm total.

But that has all changed in the current West Ham side. Swindlehurst crashed out of the team with a knee injury in August and Mr Lyall threw two very talented little men together, Paul Goddard and Tony Cottee.

Never mind the lack of inches. This 5' 8" duo have torn apart some of the best and biggest defences in the country this season with crisp accurate interplay that has made many a back man dizzy.

England striker Goddard, who is looking very sharp after missing most of last season through a

THE LITTLE

ENGLISH FOOTBALL has thrived on the brave and the physical. Right down the years, the 'typical English Centre-forward' has been an animal to envy, displaying to the full the qualities British fans admire the most. Guts, determination and a never say die attitude.

The legends of these supermen are legion. From Tommy Lindley, (Cambridge University and later Nottingham Forest), who scored in nine successive games for England between March 1886 and March 1888, amassing a total of 12 goals; and Dixie Dean, the immortal hero, who netted 12 goals in just five internationals in 1927, to Ted Drake, Tommy Lawton and Nat Lofthouse — the Lion of Vienna.

The mould was cast. The big and the brave terrified defenders and thrilled the fans from St James' Park to Home Park. It is still the same today although there are fewer exponents of the art. Bobby Smith, Joe Royle and Bob Latchford have fitted the bill as indeed does England's latest national hero, Mark Hateley, whose swashbuckling performances have taken Italian football by storm and earned him the title of "Hannibal". He conforms to the traditional concept of what centre-forwards are supposed to look like.

But dash and bash is not the only way to achieve results. Indeed it is perhaps ironic that England enjoyed her greatest moments with the cultured talents of Bobby Charlton leading the line with guile

succession of injuries, says: "There is no secret to our success. There is an old saying that you can't mark a moving man, and that is the way it is with us. We are continually on the run.

SHORT & SHARP

"Speak to any defender and they will tell you how difficult it is to mark someone who is moving about all the time. If you are small then you have to be mobile as opposed to standing up front as a target. And I think this is why we are getting a bit of success really."

But how easy has it been for the players themselves to forge this partnership?

Goddard is quite practical about it: "We have had to," he responds with the reflexes of a born striker. "There is no alternative with the injuries we have had at West Ham.

"Of course both Tony and myself are used to playing off big men but the change has meant that the whole team has had to adapt. . . The service up to the front has to be more accurate. Fullbacks can't just hump balls up front just hoping for us to get a touch. We are looking for quality and that is good all round.

"I think this opens up more avenues and gives us more alternatives. Instead of humping big balls up

from the back to a big man and going for the balls knocked on we can look for wider players and play through the middle, there are more options available."

Manager Lyall is obviously delighted. He enthuses: "The two little lads up front have done a very good job. Not just in terms of battling but in the way they create space.

"Without the big lads up front we can't chip too much up so we are tending to play balls short and sharp and this is not easy for defenders to deal with. If we get the ball in quick and early then it gives them a chance."

Cottee, who is still only 19, might be a far cry from the accepted image of what a centre-forward should be but he is a natural scorer. Last season was his first full one in League football and he finished as the Hammers leading scorer.

"I think I have linked up well with 'Sarge' this season," suggests Tony. "We are both sharp and we are getting a lot of movement and this is creating the spaces we are looking for. I am very pleased with the way it is turning out.

"Obviously I have had to adjust my game after playing with Dave Swindlehurst. We needed about six games to get settled down and then it began to flow.

"I used to get flick-on's off the big balls from Dave but now we play a lot more balls to feet and behind defenders and that suits my personal game much better.



TONY COTTEE

BIG SHOTS

"I don't mind who I play with but it is good to play with 'Sarge'."

OPTIONS

The majority of big defenders, and Norwich and England centre-half Dave Watson is one of them, will tell you they prefer to oppose big strong strikers in the Joe Jordan category than the little fellows who dart around under their feet. "You know where you are with the big fellows, it is just a battle of strength and speed," says Watson.

But even Goddard and Cottee are no slouches in the air as Southampton and England pivot Mark Wright and Arsenal's David O'Leary will testify. Both have suffered at the Hammers duo's hands — or should it be heads — this season.

"I have always been quite happy with my ability in the air, considering my size," says Paul. "And young Tony is also good in this respect.

"Winning balls in the air is all about timing. But here again it all boils down to the quality of the service. If we get big high looping balls fired at us then we don't stand much chance."

Cottee admits he has worked hard on his heading. "You have to get up and compete with the big blokes," he smiles "and my dad is always telling me to work at it."

As for John Lyall he sees it as just playing to his strengths. "It is no different to playing two six-foot strikers up front," he says. "You get the same options.

"If you have two big fellows then you hit balls up and let them scrap for them. If you have two little fellows then you play nice tight balls and rely on their movement to create the space.

"It is all a matter of playing to the strengths of the players you have available. We have done it before at West Ham, played Paul Goddard up with Van der Elst, when injuries dictated."

Tottenham and Arsenal have stolen the headlines this season but it could be West Ham United, led by their little big shots, who run off with the prizes.

By Colin Benson

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Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham assesses Group 3

Ireland have as good a chance as any



**BILLY
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"I never make forecasts because I am too long in the tooth now to make forecasts but I see our opposition in this group like this.

England of course are the firm favourites that goes without saying and I fully expect them to qualify for Mexico. So we are talking in terms of beating the other teams for the second qualifying spot.

Romania are slightly unknown, but with some very good results behind them so they are a danger. I feel that Turkey is also an extreme danger because we played them twice in the last European Championship.

We only beat them narrowly in Belfast and lost in Turkey 1-0. They are very resilient, very hard and an improving side so they will be very difficult, particularly on their own pitch.

Finland have got to be the weakest of the sides in this group. On first sight I didn't see any great difficulty with them but having said that any match away from home is always difficult and that proved the case when we lost there last May.

That was a costly defeat for us because we had hoped to pick up maximum points from the Finns but there is still a long way to go yet and we are quite capable of producing our own shock results.

Of course England are the team for all sides in this section to beat.

I'm just pleased that there are two teams to qualify because it gives me a chance. In the last World Cup series we qualified with Scotland and I feel you have a better chance in a five team group.

So I remain optimistic about our chances, having the past record of our last four years behind me and results that have been good against big nations like West Germany and so on. With that behind me and the morale of the team high we feel that we still have as good a chance as anyone and maybe better than some of reaching the World Cup finals in Mexico.

But you know, you can so easily trip over your tongue in this game so I will not make any predictions. I am just going to say that I hope we can keep our continuity up, our purpose, organisation, team work and that little bit of flair going throughout this qualifying competition.

Of course it is difficult for us when we play teams like Finland. For little Ireland to be the favourites is an unusual situation, but in a competition of this nature you have got to win no matter how insignificant the teams are, and I am not saying that Finland are insignificant, but that they are not a world power in soccer.

We wanted to get that game over and done with rather than wait for it but it did not turn out as we had anticipated and we came home with nothing.

Now it is down to us. If we produce the results we have got before then we will qualify. And I sincerely hope that England qualify with us.

Star Profile

A look back at some of the Wanderers past players



● Jimmy Seddon greets Mcllwaine of Portsmouth before the start of the 1929 final.



● A right royal occasion.



● The skipper's perk . . . leaving Wembley with the F.A. Cup.

JIMMY SEDDON treasured his FA Cup winner's medals — all three of them! So it was understandable that, when one of them was mislaid in 1971 after an exhibition at the Octagon Theatre the big fellow admitted it was like "losing a slice out of my life".

Fortunately the medal turned up — it was the 1929 version — and remains as a reminder of the big centre half who captained the Wanderers against Portsmouth on that famous occasion.

Skipper in that 2-0 victory, the lad who left the mill to become a soccer star, also had two others to make up a remarkable set. A fitting reward for what was a remarkable career, which is portrayed in today's edition of YESTERDAY'S HEROES:

IT took a lot of persuasion to make young James Seddon leave his job in the cotton mill to turn professional footballer. At that time a job in the mill was as safe as the Bank of England and playing soccer for a living was a "chancy" business.

Eventually it was two gold sovereigns and half a sovereign that did the trick.

They were offered to him as a signing on fee to join the Burnden playing staff and to James, who was then drawing a modest 14 shillings and 6 pence a week, they represented real wealth.

He signed on the dotted line . . .

Later, that same Jimmy Seddon was to become one of the most famous of a long line of memorable players to have worn the white shirt of Bolton Wanderers.

He was capped for England six times and was on the winning side in three FA Cup finals in 1923, 1926 and 1929.

But it was a chance meeting that put him on the road to soccer stardom. Jimmy was on his way to play for Hamilton when he met the Wanderers' Reserve team who were going to play at Southport. They were a man short and Jimmy was asked to play.

The one condition was that the Wanderers send a telegram to his own club to explain the situation. They did, Jimmy played and scored in a 4-1 victory.

When Jimmy signed for the Wanderers on professional forms he admitted he did not really know what he was letting himself in for.

He later recalled: "I was lucky because I made the grade. But I have always maintained that it is better to have another job outside football; at least make sure you serve your time in a trade."

Before joining the Army Jimmy played his first game for the Wanderers' first team. It was against Middlesbrough and Jimmy, up against the England centre-forward George Elliott, was given one of his sternest tests. He came through with flying colours.

Then came the war and Jimmy was three and a half years in France where he contracted the dreaded "trench foot" an affliction which troubled him throughout his brilliant career but one which very few people ever knew about.

In spite of his handicap Jimmy reached the soccer heights during the subsequent years. He sampled it all — the glamour, the crowds, Wembley and Hampden Park, the fame and the hero worship.

The secret of his success was anticipation. He read the game perfectly and always seemed to give the impression that he could read the minds of his opponents.

And his views on training were typical of many of the players of his day: "The hard trainers leave their strength on the track, he used to argue.

Jimmy's career — he played in the truly great Bolton sides of the Twenties — reached its pinnacle when he captained Wanderers to their third FA Cup triumph in 1929.

After quitting the game he went to live in Southport and at one time was manager of the Scarisbrick Hotel.

He died in October 1971 at the age of 76.

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3. Steve Thompson turns to celebrate his match-winner.
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	28	Oldham Athletic (MC1 1L)	2-1	3,286	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Deakin	Thompson	Chandler ¹ p	Oghani	Caldwell ¹	Bell	Rudge								
Sept.	1	Derby County	2-3	11,478	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Deakin	Joyce	McElhinney	Berry	Lodge	Chandler ¹ p	Oghani	Caldwell ¹	Bell	Deakin								
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	8	Hull City	0-0	5,403	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Lodge	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Foster								
	15	Rotherham United	1-3	3,926	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Lodge†	Chandler	Oghani ¹	Caldwell	Bell	Rudge ●								
	18	Swansea City	1-2	3,636	Farnworth	Borrows	Deakin	Joyce	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Rudge	Oghani ¹	Foster	Phillips	Came								
	22	Plymouth Argyle	7-2	3,876	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce¹	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler ² (¹ p)	Oghani ¹	Caldwell ³	Bell	Rudge								
	25	Shrewsbury Town (MC2 1L)	2-2	3,720	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler ¹ †	Oghani ¹	Caldwell	Bell	Came ●								
	29	Doncaster Rovers	0-2	4,850	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson†	Chandler	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Came ●								
Oct.	2	Walsall	3-1	4,445	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson ¹	Chandler	Oghani ¹	Caldwell ¹	Bell	Rudge								
	6	Reading	1-3	3,253	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler ¹	Oghani	Caldwell	Bell	Came ●								
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	20	Preston North End	4-0	5,691	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler ¹	Oghani ¹	Foster ¹	Bell	Rudge								
	23	Bristol City	2-3	7,715	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani ²	Foster ¹	Bell	Deakin								
	27	Burnley	2-3	6,460	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Berry	Valentine	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Foster ¹	Bell	Walker								
	30	Notts County (MC3)	1-6	4,547	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	McElhinney	Came	Thompson	Chandler	Oghani	Foster ¹	Bell	Deakin								
Nov.	3	Lincoln City	1-0	4,019	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Came	Deakin	Thompson ¹	Chandler†	Oghani	Foster	Bell	McElhinney ●								
	6	York City	2-1	4,672	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Came	Deakin	Thompson	Rudge ¹	Oghani ¹ p	Foster ¹	Bell	McElhinney								
	10	Newport County	2-3	2,073	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Came	Deakin	Thompson ¹	Rudge	Oghani	Foster ¹	Bell†	Valentine ●								
	17	Hull City (FAC1)	1-2	6,424	Farnworth	Borrows	Phillips	Phillips	Joyce	Came	Deakin	Thompson	Rudge	Oghani	Foster ¹	Bell	Saunders								

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CANON LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Up to and including Wednesday 21st November 1984

	HOME		AWAY		GOALS		GOALS		Pts
	P	W	D	L	F	A	F	A	
Millwall	14	7	1	0	17	3	2	2	30
Bradford City	15	5	2	0	11	3	2	11	9
York City	16	5	2	1	18	8	3	9	8
Bristol City	16	5	2	1	16	8	1	11	13
Hull City	16	5	2	1	15	6	2	9	10
Gillingham	16	4	3	1	19	12	4	9	11
Rotherham United	15	4	3	0	13	7	0	10	18
Bristol Rovers	15	5	2	0	11	3	4	6	7
Doncaster Rovers	15	5	1	2	15	10	2	8	12
AFC Bournemouth	16	5	1	2	14	6	3	12	12
Brentford	15	4	2	2	15	8	3	4	7
Walsall	15	2	5	1	11	7	2	6	9
Wigan Athletic	16	5	1	2	10	6	3	9	9
Derby County	15	6	1	0	15	6	4	5	12
Burnley	16	3	3	2	11	8	6	4	12
Reading	16	3	2	3	11	10	3	14	18
Bolton Wanderers	16	6	1	1	19	6	0	9	15
Newport County	15	4	2	1	12	7	4	11	22
Preston North End	16	3	1	4	11	16	0	8	19
Lincoln City	15	2	4	1	14	7	6	5	11
Plymouth Argyle	16	3	3	2	12	10	2	9	23
Swansea City	16	2	1	5	11	14	3	6	5
Orient	16	2	1	5	13	19	1	12	24
Cambridge United	15	1	1	6	7	15	1	9	17

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Date	Opponents	Goals	
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1984			
Aug.	29 Rotherham United	4-0	
Sept.	4 Leeds United	1-1	
	12 Doncaster Rovers	2-3	
	19 Oldham Athletic	0-2	
	26 Hull City	2-1	
Oct.	3 Middlesbrough	1-3	
	10 Port Vale	0-2	
	17 Grimsby Town	4-3	
	24 Leicester City	0-2	
Nov.	31 Preston North End	2-2	
	8 Blackpool	4-0	
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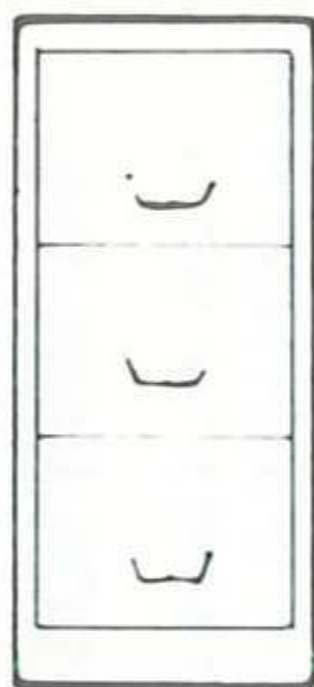
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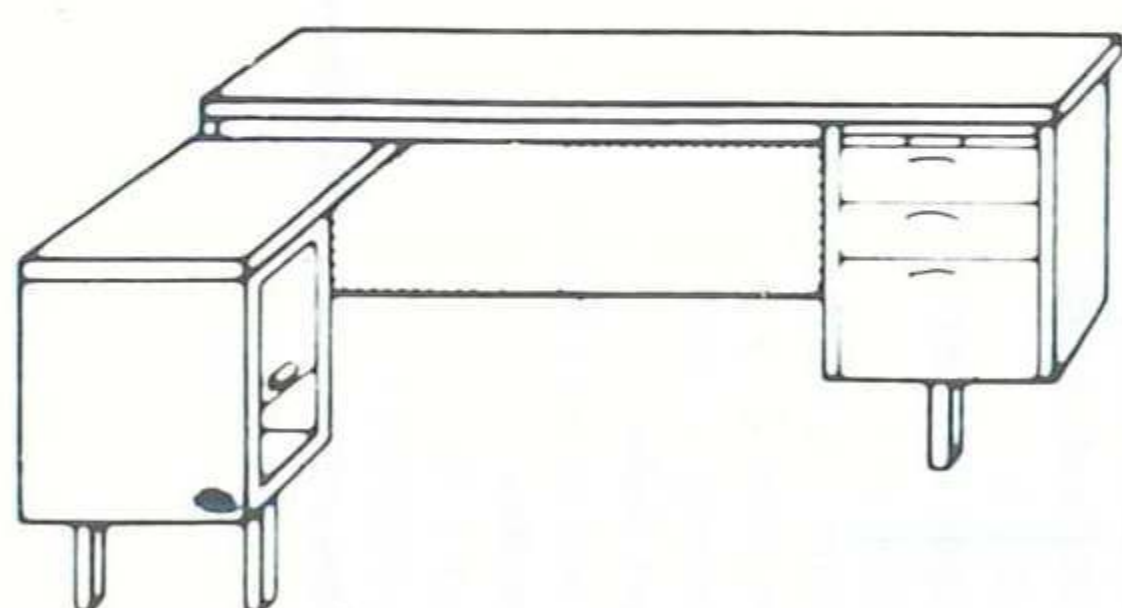
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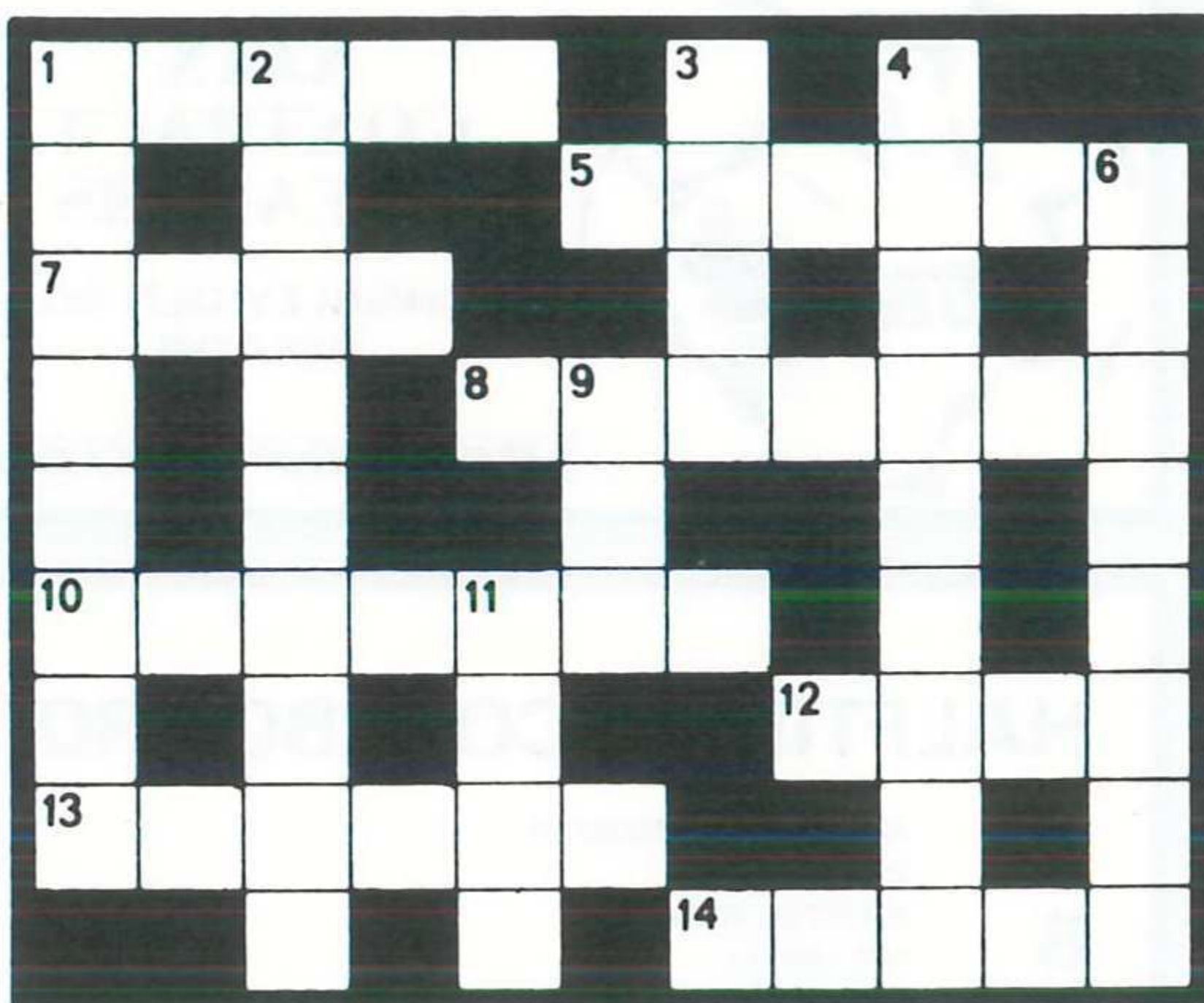
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CROSSWORD No. 11

ACROSS

1. He went from Ayr to Anfield and progressed to his first cap in 1984 (5)
5. 'Nerve' in soccer slang (6)
7. One of soccer's debating points is the question of '— — — before country?' (4)
8. Defender Tom — — — totalled over 400 games for Southampton, York, Workington, Lincoln and Rotherham (7)
10. Winger who lost years to World War 2 so only managed to put in 492 League appearances and 216 goals for Liverpool! (7)
12. City where the hosts won the 1934 World Cup (4)
13. Was it a big step for ex-Chelsea defender David to move from Minnesota to Millwall in 1982? (6)
14. Centenary side in 1985 (5)



DOWN

1. A fellow international of 1 across who sounds like a lengthened version of him! (8)
2. This Irish outfit certainly doesn't sound like a stay-at-home lot! (9)
3. Most fans go to see a — — — win (4)
4. Centenary side in 1983 (9)
6. France are the reigning — — — champions (8)
9. Gornik ace who became Poland's record league and international scorer . . . and his name is literally part of his country (3)
11. The toss usually determines them (4)

Answers to No. 10: **ACROSS:** 1. Mick Kearns, 6. attack, 7. Boro, 9. deflections, 11. Eric, 12. Bulova, 14. Stancliffe. **DOWN:** 1. McAndrew, 2. Cat, 3 & 13dn. kicked off, 4. N'Kono, 5. Lonsdale, 8. Struel, 10. Flint, 13. See 3 down.

QUICK QUIZ No. 11

1. The Alliance Premier League introduced differential point-scoring in 1983/84 — how many for a home win?
2. Which was the first League club to supply a hundred players to British Isles national teams?
3. Who were the runners-up in the three European trophy competitions of 1983/84?
4. Which was the last club to concede 100 goals in a Division One season?
5. Against which two countries did Jimmy Greaves have four-goal games for England?

Answers to No. 10

1. Rangers, 2. Cup-Winners' Cup, Juventus, 3. Seven, 4. "The Butcher of Bilbao", 5. Jules Rimet Trophy (original World Cup)

ANSWERS IN THE NEXT PROGRAMME

MIXED DOUBLES No. 11

Re-order the letters in each of the words

CARTELS and CREASING

to reveal two "CLUB NICKNAMES"

Answers to No. 10: ASTLE, SLATER.

FITNESS TEST No. 11

Re-arrange all the letters of MARTIN PETERS to create four four-letter words that fit the edges of the diamond.

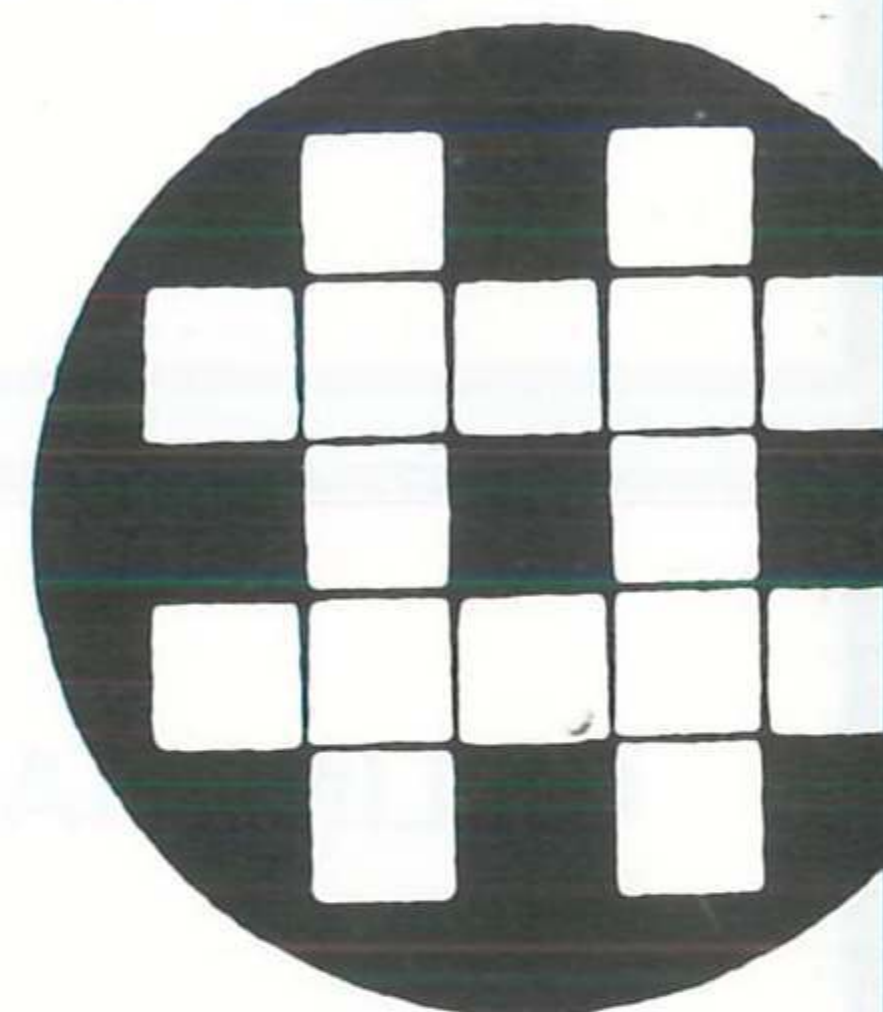


Answers to No. 10
ARMY/YOKE, AREA/APSE

ON THE BALL No. 11

Every answer has five letters and the first one fits into the top line, but you have to decide where the rest must go.

Kenilworth club
Turnstile line-up
Saxton say
Soccer knight



Answers to No. 10: PETER, SMITH, TEAMS, KEITH.

Puzzle
Page

Teams

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White and Navy Blue

1. Simon Farnworth
2. Brian Borrows
3. Jimmy Phillips
4. Warren Joyce
5. Mark Came
6. Ray Deakin
7. Steve Thompson
8. Simon Rudge
9. George Oghani
10. Wayne Foster
11. Graham Bell
- 12.

GILLINGHAM

Blue and White

1. David Fry
2. Mel Sage
3. Joe Hinnigan
4. Keith Oakes
5. Russell Musker
6. Peter Shaw
7. Terry Cochrane
8. Dave Shearer
9. Martin Robinson
10. Dave Mehmet
11. Tony Cascarino
- 12.

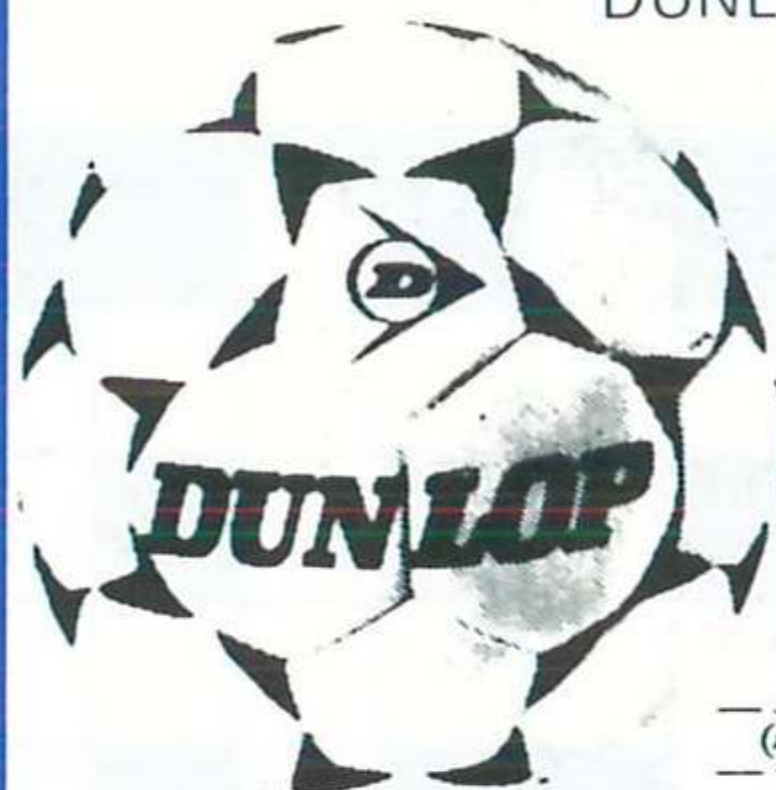
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(Stoke-on-Trent)

Senior Manager, Pottery Industry. Married with two boys. Commenced refereeing in 1968 progressing via North Staffs. Premier and Northern Premier Leagues. Enjoys cricket, table tennis and gardening. Refereed 1976 Staffordshire Senior Cup Final, 1980 F.A. Cup Semi-Final and 1982 Home International match Scotland v Ireland.

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